

***TOWN WARRANT 2015  
TOWN OF NEWFIELDS  
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE***

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newfields, in the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet as follows:

FIRST SESSION OF TOWN MEETING (Deliberative): At the Newfields Town Hall, 65 Main Street, in said Newfields on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 at 7:00pm for explanation, discussion, debate, and possible amendment of the following Warrant Articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Million, Five Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,575,000.00) for the renovation, code compliance upgrade and addition to the Town Hall to accommodate the Town Offices, Town Hall and Town Police Department Offices, and to authorize the issuance of not more than One Million, Five Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$1,575,000.00) of bonds and/or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act ( NH RSA Chapter 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, and regulate such bonds and/or notes and to determine the rates of interest thereon. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

**A two thirds (2/3) majority ballot vote in favor is required for passage.**

Article 2. Shall the Town of Newfields raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the Warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling One Million, Three Hundred Eighty Six Thousand, Seventy Dollars (\$1,386,070.00). Should this be defeated, the default operating budget shall be One Million, Three Hundred Sixty Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Thirty Four Dollars (\$1,362,734.00) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Newfields or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Selectmen recommend the \$1,386,070.00 as set forth on said budget)

Article 3. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$17,900.00) for the purpose of mosquito control by town wide adulticiding (truck spraying)? (Recommended by the Selectmen 2-1)

Article 4. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000.00) for the purposes of mosquito control by targeting mosquito larvae (known as larviciding) and Arbovirus Surveillance (known as trapping and testing of mosquitoes)? (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Article 5. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to be placed in the previously established Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund for the future purchase of a fire truck. The Selectmen were previously named as agents to expend from the fund. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Article 6. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to pay accrued leave when an employee retires. The funds are to be placed in the previously established Retirement Benefits Expendable Trust Fund. The Selectmen were previously named as agents to expend from the fund. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 7. Shall the Town adopt the provisions of RSA 72:61-64 inclusively, which provide for an optional property tax exemption from the property's assessed value, for property tax purposes, for persons owning real property, which is equipped with solar energy systems intended for use at the immediate site. Such property tax exemption shall be in the amount equal to 100% of the assessed value of qualifying solar energy equipment under these statutes. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Stormwater Infrastructure Expendable Trust Fund per RSA 31:19a, for stormwater mapping and drainage infrastructure and to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to placed in the fund; further to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from the fund. (Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 9. Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars, (\$240,000.00) for construction of sidewalks on Piscassic Rd (Route 87) from Meadow Road to Dixon Avenue and on Main St (Route 85) from Railroad Ave to Route 108 with a total length of approximately 2,575 lineal feet. Eighty percent (80%) or One Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Dollars (\$192,000.00) will be reimbursed to the Town through a New Hampshire Department of Transportation -Transportation Alternative Program Grant. The final cost to the Town will be Forty Eight Thousand Dollars (\$48,000.00). (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund pursuant to RSA 31:95-h, for the purpose of Police Public Safety. All revenues received for the purchase of police protective vests from any granting authority will be deposited into the fund, and the money in the fund shall be allowed to accumulate from year to year, and shall not be considered part of the town's general fund balance. The town treasurer shall have custody of all moneys in the fund, and shall pay out the same only upon order of the governing body and no further approval is required by the legislative body to expend. Such funds

may be expended only for the purpose for which the fund was created. (Recommended by the Selectmen)

Article 11. By Citizens Petition, properly received, shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and enter into a long-term (5 year) lease agreement with Main Street Art (a local non-profit organization) for the building at 75 Main Street, Newfields, NH. Said lease would renew the current lease with Main Street Art, subject to certain modifications to the terms and conditions as determined by agreement of the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Directors of Main Street Art. Said lease shall require, at a minimum, that Main Street Art, at its own expense, maintain and upgrade the interior of the building, make improvements to the exterior of the building, maintain insurance for the protection of the Town, and pay for all utilities within the term in exchange for rent abatement.